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| In re Application of:    | § | Attorney Docket No. AUS19970761US2 |
| JAMES W. ARENDT, ET AL.  | § |                                    |
|                          | § | Examiner: JUDE JEAN GILLES         |
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| For: HIGHLY SCALABLE AND | § |                                    |
| HIGHLY AVAILABLE CLUSTER | § |                                    |
| SYSTEM MANAGEMENT        | § |                                    |
| SCHEME                   | § |                                    |

AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 312, Applicants request that the following amendments to the claims be made to the above-identified, allowed patent application without withdrawing the application from issuance. In keeping with Rule 312, the Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: